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**H.J.R. No. 45**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION**

proposing a constitutional amendment to require the governor to call a special session for the appointment of presidential electors under certain circumstances.

*BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 8, Article IV, Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8. (a) The Governor may, on extraordinary occasions, convene the Legislature at the seat of Government, or at a different place, in case that should be in possession of the public enemy or in case of the prevalence of disease threat. His proclamation therefor shall state specifically the purpose for which the Legislature is convened.

(b) *The Governor shall convene the Legislature in special session to appoint presidential electors if the Governor determines that a reasonable likelihood exists that a final determination of the appointment of electors will not occur before the deadline prescribed by law to ascertain a conclusive determination of the appointment. The Legislature may not consider any subject other than the appointment of electors at that special session.*

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2001. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring the governor to call a special session for the appointment of presidential electors under certain circumstances."

Passed by the House on April 23, 2001, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 14, 2001, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Filed with the Secretary of State May 15, 2001.

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**H.J.R. No. 47**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION**

proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the cancellation of an election to fill a vacancy in the legislature when a candidate is running unopposed.

*BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 13, Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 13. (a) When vacancies occur in either House, the Governor, or the person exercising the power of the Governor, shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies; and should the Governor fail to issue a writ of election to fill any such vacancy within twenty days after it occurs, the returning officer of the district in which such vacancy may have happened, shall be authorized to order an election for that purpose.

(b) *The legislature may provide by general law for the filling of a vacancy in the legislature without an election if only one person qualifies and declares a candidacy in an election to fill the vacancy.*

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2001. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or